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SUBJECT: EC BEEF IMPORT BAN TO CONTINUE INDEFINITELY

REF: (A) EC BRUSSELS 7228 (B) EC BRUSSELS 7672

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: THE EC COMMISSION HAS DECIDED TO CINTINUE  
INDEFINITELY THE BEEF IMPORT BAN. IT WILL BEGIN CONSULTATIONS  
WITH THE EC'S PRINCIPAL BEEF SUPPLIERS IN NOVEMBER WITH A VIEW  
TO REPLACING THE EMBARGO WITH ANOTHER

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FORM OF IMPORT RESTRICTIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. THE EC COMMISSION'S DIRECTOR FOR NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS, FIELDING, CALLED MISSION OFFICERS TO HIS OFFICE ON OCTOBER 16 TO INFORM US THAT THE COMMISSION INTENDS IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE, I.E., IN A VERY FEW DAYS, TO ANNOUNCE EXTENSION SINCE THE OF THE BEEF SAFEGUARD CLAUSE ACTION, AND THAT IT CANNOT SAY WHEN THIS ACTION WILL BE REMOVED.

3. FIELDING SAID THE THE COMMISSION IS MAKING THREE ADDITIONAL POINTS TO PRINCIPAL BEEF EXPORTING COUNTRIES (THE U.S. IS NOT IN THIS CATEGORY, IN THE COMMISSION'S VIEW):

A. AS EC COMMISSIONER FOR AGRICULTURE LARDINOIS TOLD THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHT BEEF EXPORTING COUNTRIES RECENTLY, THE COMMISSION DESIRES DISCUSSIONS WITH THEM WITH A VIEW TO DEVELOPING NEW FORMS OF IMPORT RESTRICTIONS TO REPLACE THE PRESENT IMPORT EMBARGO;

B) THE COMMISSION IS PREPARED TO ENTER INTO DISCUSSION SEEKING A SOLUTION THAT WOULD PERMIT THE RESUMPTION OF TRADE WITHOUT DISTURBING THE "BALANCE" OF THE EC MARKET FOR BEEF;

C. THE DISCUSSIONS WILL HAVE TO BEGIN SOMETIME IN NOVEMBER BECAUSE THE COMMISSION PRESENTLY IS TOO OVERWORKED WITH CONSULTATIONS ALREADY SCHEDULED ON BEEF IN WASHINGTON AND IN GENEVA.

4. WE EXPRESSED OUR DISSAPPOINTMENT OVER THE COMMISSION'S DECISIONS, PARTICULARLY SINCE THE USG HAD BEEN GIVEN REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE BEEF IMPORT BAN WOULD REMAIN IN FORCE ONLY FOR A SHORT WHILE. WE SAID WE FEARED ADDITIONAL PRESSURES ON THE US MARKET FROM DIVERTED SUPPLIES THAT NORMALLY WOULD HAVE BEEN ABSORBED BY THE COMMUNITY. GREENWALD

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